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A recent blog post inaccurately claims the South Florida Water Management District's proposed improvements to deliver more freshwater to Taylor Slough, "do not deliver additional freshwater to Florida Bay."

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

- Every configuration of the plan modeled by District scientists and engineers identified thousands of acre feet of additional water delivered to Taylor Slough that was previously unavailable due to historical water management practices in the region.
- Model results at the southernmost measuring station at the Taylor Slough Bridge indicate that the additional water provided by this project will continue south to Florida Bay. That station has been used for decades by Everglades scientists to measure the flow of water to Florida Bay.
- The additional water delivered to Taylor Slough is a result of water management practices identified through the 2015 South Dade Study and put into practice under the District's 2016 dry season emergency operations to address record-setting rainfall. Under these newly-supported operational strategies, the additional water made available will be targeted for Florida Bay restoration and not lost to tide.
- The District has made public presentations on the project in numerous venues and District scientists and engineers have methodically explained plan components and model results with every resident or expert that has inquired about the project.
- The District has an obligation to the public to publicly provide all of its technical evaluations of the project. District modeling data and additional information about the project can be found on the District's website. Please visit www.sfwmd.org/floridabay for more information.
- The District welcomes public and scientific scrutiny of its modeling for this project and its verifiable beneficial effects.

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The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages the water resources in the southern part of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. Our mission is to protect South

Florida's water resources by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems.

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